

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 2-4, 6-8, 11 and 13 as follows (the changes in these claims are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter). A complete listing of the claims is listed below with proper claim identifiers.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A wet wipe comprising:
a fibrous material;
a binder composition for binding said fibrous material into an integral web, said binder composition comprising a cationic polymer having water solubility properties that vary depending on the type and amount of ions present in water; and
said fibrous material being wetted by a wetting solution containing at least about 0.5 weight percent of a divalent metal salt which is capable of forming a complex anion with said cationic polymer, whereby said cationic polymer is insoluble in said wetting solution and said wet wipe is dispersible in tap water.
2. (Currently Amended) The wet wipe of claim 1, wherein said divalent metal salt is selected from the group consisting of ZnX₂, MgX₂, or and CaX₂, wherein X is a halogen atom.
3. (Currently Amended) The wet wipe of claim 2, wherein said halogen atom is selected from the group consisting of Cl, Br and I.
4. (Currently Amended) The wet wipe of claim 1, wherein said divalent metal salt is selected from the group consisting of ZnCl₂, MgCl₂, and CaCl₂.
5. (Previously presented) The wet wipe of claim 1, wherein said polymer comprises cationic monomeric units and water insoluble, hydrophobic monomeric units.

6. (Currently Amended) The wet wipe of claim 5, where said cationic monomeric units are selected from the group consisting of [2-(methacryloyloxy)ethyl] trimethylammonium chloride, (3-acrylamidopropyl) trimethylammonium chloride, N,N-diallyldimethylammonium chloride, [2-(acryloyloxy)ethyl]trimethylammonium chloride acryloxyethyltrimethylammonium chloride, [2-(acryloyloxy)ethyl]dimethylbenzylammonium chloride acryloxyethyldimethylbenzylammonium chloride, [2-(methacryloyloxy)ethyl]dimethyl amine hydrochloride methacryloxyethyltrimethylammonium chloride, [2-(methacryloyloxy)ethyl]dimethylbenzylammonium chloride and methacryloxyethyltrimethylbenzylammonium chloride or quaternized vinyl pyridine.

7. (Currently Amended) The wet wipe of claim 5, wherein said water insoluble hydrophobic monomeric units are selected from n-butyl acrylate or and 2-ethylhexyl acrylate.

8. (Currently Amended) The wet wipe of claim 5, wherein said water insoluble hydrophobic monomeric units are ~~selected from~~ n-alkyl or branched alkyl substituted acrylamides, or n-alkyl or branched alkyl substituted acrylic esters.

9. (Previously presented) The wet wipe of claim 5, wherein said water insoluble hydrophobic monomeric units are n-alkyl or branched alkyl substituted vinylic monomeric units.

10. (Previously presented) The wet wipe of claim 5, wherein said cationic polymer further comprises hydrophilic or water-soluble nonionic monomeric units.

11. (Currently Amended) The wet wipe of claim 10, wherein said hydrophilic or water-soluble nonionic monomeric units are selected from the group consisting of acrylamide, methacrylamide, substituted acrylamide acrylamides, substituted methacrylamides, hydroxyalkyl acrylates, hydroxyalkyl methacrylates, polyethyleneglycol acrylates, polyethyleneglycol methacrylates, and vinyl pyrrolidone.

12. (Previously presented) A wet wipe comprising:
a fibrous material;
a binder composition for binding said fibrous material into an integral web,
said binder composition comprising a polymer of [2-(methacryloyloxy)ethyl]trimethyl
ammonium chloride, n-butyl acrylate and 2-ethylhexyl acrylate; and
said fibrous material being wetted by a wetting solution containing at least
about 0.5 weight percent divalent metal salt that is capable of forming a complex anion
with said polymer, whereby said polymer is insoluble in said wetting solution and said
wet wipe is dispersible in tap water.

13. (Currently Amended) The wet wipe of claim 12, wherein said divalent
metal salt is selected from the group consisting of ZnCl₂, MgCl₂, or and CaCl₂.

14-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously presented) A wet wipe comprising:
a fibrous material;
a binder composition for binding said fibrous material into an integral web,
said binder composition comprising a cationic polymer having water solubility properties
that vary depending on the type and amount of ions present in water; and
said fibrous material being wetted by a wetting solution containing at least
about 0.5 weight percent of a divalent metal salt, whereby said cationic polymer is
insoluble in said wetting solution and said wet wipe is dispersible in tap water.

27. (Previously presented) A wet wipe comprising:
a fibrous material;
a binder composition for binding said fibrous material into an integral web,
said binder composition comprising a polymer of [2-(methacryloyloxy)ethyl]trimethyl
ammonium chloride, n-butyl acrylate and 2-ethylhexyl acrylate; and
said fibrous material being wetted by a wetting solution containing at least
about 0.5 weight percent divalent metal salt, whereby said polymer is insoluble in said
wetting solution and said wet wipe is dispersible in tap water.